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I am already leaving Microsoft products behind, and turning to Linux; beware that the decision made regarding this settlement will have great significance to Linux's future: beware that DOJ does not create precedent whereby Microsoft can manufacture issues with Linux. That would take on the appearance of scandal, to consumers such as myself.

Somewhere, DOJ hasn't seen the issue from my perspective, I hope now you will:

Try to uninstall Macromedia Flash from Internet Explorer 5 thru 6. Cannot use traditional uninstall, results of non traditional removal results in a different irritation in place of the Flash upgrade messages.

Microsoft excludes whatever it wishes to exclude; and as any other entity would also act, Microsoft buys whatever functionality it wishes to incorporate. Internet Explorer is based on Mosaic, from University of Indiana, Urbana-Champaign campus; not developed by Microsoft - what browser development costs are involved when college students created the core? Rhetorically speaking, What development efforts have been expended by Microsoft? I'll answer that: efforts to embed Mosaic, under a new name, into Windows.

Consider also that the mechanisms whereby new software is created has been a stronghold of Microsoft: most programming languages which are in widespread use are Microsoft owned. Yet information is not exchange in a timely fashion unless the destination is a Microsoft entity - then the information flows freely.

Consider the licensing issues regarding new PCs, the company manufacturing the PC must suffer if they do not install Microsoft products?

Is any of the activity regarding Microsoft's .net activity regarding exclusion of Opera Browser considered fair and open by the people using Opera?

Consider the generosity of corporations who donate older PCs: Microsoft placed a new retroactive license restriction on the software, but without any licensee agreeing to it! What kind of contract is Microsoft drawing up?

Really - the perception of benevolence has already slipped from association with the Microsoft name; the multibillion dollar status of the founder is clearly caused by overdone profit margins: divide a percentage of those billions by the number of licensed Microsoft products, then deduct that amount from each license.

Personal Reply is not expected - definitive DOJ suppression of Microsoft - I mean action - is expected. Currently, the computing public sees difficult times ahead of them, Windows XP (eXtra Profitable) places people further into Microsofts enslavement. Because people cannot tell Microsoft how to develop a product (the homeowner surveys are few and acceptable responses are predefined), because the people fear the learning curve associated with the only other operating system which will work on their hardware (x86 architecture), they will not seek a change. Was the south much different before Lincoln freed those slaves??